



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1202

Office of Government Ethics Authorization Act of 2001

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on August 2, 2001*

SUMMARY

S. 1202 would reauthorize the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) for fiscal years 2002 through 2006. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1202 would cost \$56 million over the 2002-2006 period. This estimate assumes adjustments for anticipated inflation. Without such adjustments, we estimate that implementation would cost \$49 million over the 2002-2006 period.

Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1202 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1202 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the necessary amounts will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending pattern of the OGE. Estimated authorization levels for 2002 through 2006 are based on the 2001 appropriation for the OGE, about \$10 million. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 800 (general government).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006

SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

OGE Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	10	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	10	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	11	11	11	12	12
Estimated Outlays	0	10	11	11	12	12
OGE Spending Under S.1202						
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	10	11	11	11	12	12
Estimated Outlays	10	11	11	11	12	12

a. The 2001 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1202 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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